THE LOGGER'S BARK

Radio Club of Tacoma, Inc.

P.O. Box 11188

Tacoma, WA 98411

DECEMBER 2006 EVENTS

Club Meetings: Wednesdays December 13th and 27th at the library Administration building at 7:30 pm, 112th & Waller road. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting, Wednesday December 6th 7:30 p.m. Clubhouse - All members welcome

License Testing - Tuesday, December 12th 2006 7:00PM at the RCT clubhouse.

BARK deadline Sunday December 23rd 2006- PLEASE get articles, columns, etc. in by that time!

- Support OUR club - Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer.
- Check in to the 2-meter Net every Tuesday night at 7:30, on 147.28. Hear additional information on programs and other events.
- Check in on the 10 Meter Net every Sunday evening, 8 PM, on 28.375 MHz USB

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From The Editor

There are new officers elected and they will start their terms in January 2007. Election results are posted here in "The Bark" for all to see and contemplate.

Also in this issue, we have many reader contributions and club information to read, so this issue will be a little different from some of the others in an attempt to fit it all in.

Last issue, I solicited some feed back from the readership. Unfortunately, only one person took the time to reply with some notes and issues. So, I have addressed some of those issues, and hopefully I can produce a better newsletter. Thanks Rick!

Changes will be forthcoming in this issue and additional issues. I'm seeing a very nice increase in contributions from the membership. Keep those articles coming in; it makes for a better publication for all of us!

Cards, letters, complaints and general whining can be set to the-bark@comcast.net, or directly to me at the g dot m dot mcadams dot comcast dot net address.

By the way, I know it looked very silly to write my E-mail address that way, but believe it or not, your address' phone numbers and other data can be gleaned off the net by unscrupulous types. It is better to look silly than to put up with all the trash and spam that cane come your way.

Don't just take my word for it: try using any good search engine like good old "GOOGLE" to look for yourself. Go to the aforementioned web site and just enter your call sign in the search window. The results may surprise you.

For some reason, my call sign shows up in a lot of programming language strings. WG7X is apparently a programming variable in some machine languages.

This month brings us to the major holiday of the year: Christmas! Note: I did not use the generic term so popular theses days. We'll call it what it is and the PC crowd can take a hike on this one!

Also New Years is on the event horizon. Lets have a safe and sane New Years celebration, OK?

So without wasting any more of your valuable time, here's the December issue!

Get Plugged In

visit your club's website

www.w7dk.org

for the latest news and club activities

Elmer Board

Do you need help with some area in ham radio? Here is a place to start… First is the listing of areas of support, followed by a list of members' areas of interest.

1.Technical questions, Classes
2. Help with Code
3. License Examinations
4. Antenna and Station planning
5. Antenna and Tower erection
6. Buying new or used equipment
7. Equipment repair
8. Understanding and operating your equipment
9. DX and Contests
10. Club and ARRL activities
11. Using test equipment
12. IRLP

Name/Call Sign /Phone Number/ Help with topic

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If you are willing to share your time and knowledge with "newbees" and others, let us know and get on the Elmer Board!

DECEMBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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FROM THE (x) PREZ

As we once again approach the end of the year, we each have an opportunity to look back and ask ourselves. Have we accomplished everything we set out to do this year? Sometimes it's hard because we all are faced with tasks we hadn't counted on. This eats into the time we have available to reach our planned goals. But I hope we all had the time and opportunity to reach most of them.

I feel, as a club, we accomplished most of our set goals. Thanks to those who stepped forward to lead us through each one. We had a great hamfest and field day. We also had many wonderful events, such as, DK @ the Beach, potlucks at the clubhouse, Halloween party, 90th anniversary celebration, and more. We also have had some fun QSO parties and contesting with the clubs station. All and all it looks like the club is becoming a little more active.

I like to think that in my six years of service I may have helped the club grow a little in some way. I hope all of you will continue to help Randy, AD7FF, with the task of organizing the clubs progress. Randy, as our newly elected president, will take office on January 1, 2007. Also joining him will be our new treasurer Paul, K7AXJ, and two new board members Bob, KE7DGQ, and AL, W7AML. I like to welcome these new replacements to the clubs board of directors. You can help make their jobs easier by volunteering to help with the many things it takes to make a club successful. I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful six years. Without all your help I could not have done it. Thanks! Have fun and please volunteer.

73 de kk7qs. SK

VE TEAM REPORT

John Clarke, AC7WW

Seven VE's served 13 candidates the evening of November 14, 2006.

Twenty–two elements were administered to twelve candidates. Eleven elements were passed. Ten new Technicians joined the Amateur Service. One candidate was a paper upgraded from Technician Plus to General class.

We had an eleven year old young Lady from Orting that tried twice to pass the Technician test, but was not successful on either attempt. She was with four other family members and I have been told that she will be back.

Thanks to the VE's that attended this session.

Next regular testing session will be Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM.

Volunteer Examiner's Present:

John Clarke AC7WW
Joe Baldassari W7RQ
Jon Hamilton AD7AW
Richard Heasty KK7VH
Chris Jensen W7YX
Stephen Morton AD7AB
Don Perry K7QLC

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Mini-Swap Meet at the Clubhouse

Last Saturday of each month Mini Swap Meet at the Clubhouse … 10 a.m. to 2 p.m….There will be food (hot dogs, etc.) …Bring in your items you want to swap or sell or stop by to see what others bring.

THE BARK: WE GET LETTERS!

From: Guy Carlsen K4CNF:

Yes, many things have happened since I left Tacoma in 1995. If you put my first and last name in a search engine you can find some other info on my ham radio experience. The photo in QRZ came from the cover of the last "Now You're Talking" the ARRL took the photo of myself with my hat bearing my original KC7AIW call with my young friend Andrew, now K4PUF, an accomplished operator himself. That photo was taken by an article which appeared in QST about the K4L expedition which was done in support of a lighthouse restoration project. We put an island on the air under the US Islands program. In the last few years the group I am involved with, the Dominion DX Group, has run expeditions to Tangier Island off the Virginian coast and successfully participated in a few contests.

I have very fond memories of W7DK. I remember crawling around the attic of the club house to clean things out in the mid 90s. We were painting and cleaning to get the upstairs prepared for the antique station I think. Jim Kirkreit, K7YLM (SK) was president then and my CW teacher. I was also taking classes with Jerry, W7BUN (SK) was my instructor for theory up through the successful completion of my advanced class test. Unfortunately, I moved east before I could complete my task of passing the 13wpm test and lost my CSCE credit. So I started over again here, eventually gaining my extra under the "new" CW rules.

I am still working on my code efficiency but am active on phone and am about to start RTTY and PSK work. I was a founder and have been president of the Dominion DX Group, former president of the Radio Amateur Telecommunications Society here in Richmond. I also belong to the Richmond Amateur Radio Club, another club which has early beginnings. I am on a first name basis with W4DR, Bob Eschelman, "The World's Greatest DXer" and have worked with Bob Morris, W4MYA, a world class contester. The experience I was able to gain from the 1970s when I first started class under Jerry Seligman, to the 90s when I finally was able to complete studies (lots of other priorities interrupted) to the experience I have gained here has made this a satisfying hobby.

I have, in my favorites, the web site for W7DK and go there often. My ex, KC7EUA, Jan, is in Federal Way, and is trying to get back into the hobby. She has only vhf capability but could use any encouragement she can get. I miss the friends that I made there at the Radio Club of Tacoma. Please give my regards to anyone who was there in the 92 to 95 time frame. I remember a few but don't see them on the web site.

W7DK has a long and proud history. It is a good example of what Amateur Radio represents. Believe me when I say that the hobby is not as well represented everywhere else as well as it is in the

Seattle Tacoma area and I believe that W7DK has had a significant impact on that over the years. I hope that I will be able to participate in the festivities of the 100th anniversary. I will probably still be here then so keep me in the loop.

Congratulations to all the members and former members who make W7DK a club to be proud of. I invite you to include a link to our web site on your own. It is www.DDXG.net. Anyone traveling this way (we get a few from that area once in a while, either military transfers or travelers)

have them look me up, I'd love to hear from any of the W7DK crew.

73, Guy Carlsen K4CNF, former KC7AIW.

THE BARK: WE GET LETTERS!

Letter to the editor:

I have only been a member for about 1 /12 years. I took the tech. class; I was very pleased to be able to talk to lots of people on the radio. I have wanted to do this most of my life, & since I am a great grand dad, that's a long time. During the last 6-8 months. I have heard almost nobody on the air. My work commitments keep me busy on club night & check in night so I can't attend either. I have my radio on when ever I can. I have tried mornings, afternoons, evenings & late at night. Even when the IRLP node is opened from out of state, nobody is on the air.

My question is:

If there isn't even anyone on the air on Saturday at the noon open house, what is the point of maintaining a repeater station, & having classes to attract others to not listen to the club repeater???

I occasionally get to talk to the same 2-3 people about once a month. Now when I turn on my radio, my first thought is that it is an exercise in futility, I a waste of my time and the money for an HT and two mobile stations.

Mike Batnick
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Mike,

I forwarded your letter to the board members at large soliciting responses to your question. They may respond to you directly, but the following represents only myself and does not reflect in any way the position of the Radio Club of Tacoma's BOD or officers. I speak here only as myself, the lonely editor chief cook and bottle-washer at the "Loggers Bark"

Mike, your complaint is heard and it is a valid one. I can tell you that many others share your problem and it is one that has been generated by the current licensing system. For many years we had a license called the "Novice". Novice allocations varied over the years, but one thing never changed: Novice's were allowed to use certain frequencies where propagation allowed them to meet, not only other novices but old timers as well. In addition, novice class licensee's were expected to make mistakes while learning, and therefore it was not a big problem if you messed up in front of the crowd: so-to-speak...

These meetings allowed the novice to learn what Amateur radio is/was all about: Getting on the air and having fun while learning. That is/was the core of our service. Nowadays, and I don't want to sound preachy or like an OF, but being locked into a VHF/UHF only license severely limits your ability to meet new folks who are at the same level of learning that you are.

The repeater, as you have found out, is a limited slice of the overall picture. This limited exposure leads to a distorted idea of what Amateur radio is all about. A repeater, by its very nature, is a somewhat closed society. because of this, unfortunately there is a limited pool of folks to talk to and learn from.

So… Advice from an OF: Upgrade to the next level. I know it is hard, and you've heard it many times, but that really is the answer. Being stranded on two meters is not where you want to be.

Sincerely; Gary WG7X

RCT Celebrates 90 years

For those who missed our 90th Anniversary celebration, our condolences…

We had a superb evening, swapping stories, renewing friendships, sharing memories and sharing pride in the history and heritage of what may be the oldest continuously operating Amateur Radio Club in the country. If you missed it, you may have to wait another five years for another opportunity.

Although records show that the founders of our organization actually began meeting with each other to explore the then new radio technology as early as 1914, the club recognizes October 16th 1916 as the day that they decided to formally organize, name and officially establish "The Radio Club of Tacoma."

This year we celebrated our 90th anniversary with a week long operating event which logged over 700 QSO's and culminated in a festive Saturday night banquet at the Lakewood Elks. Nearly a hundred of our current and former members joined together to share a trip down memory lane and pay tribute to those early founders and members who left us with such a rich heritage and legacy.

There were years of photographs and articles describing the club's early years and many of the clubs awards and honors. There was also the famous "Left Foot Key" of mid fifty's fame.

The focus of this year's anniversary celebration was "RCT, The Early Years." The Homecoming team, after months of research and organization had crafted the night's program which was a full featured documentary of the Club as it began and grew from 1916 to 1939 when it sold the original clubhouse at 14th and Oakes Street.

From its establishment in 1916, The Radio Club of Tacoma had survived its first 20 years through Depression, War and Bureaucratic attempts to close down amateur radio. In this stormy and turbulent environment not only did the club survive, but prospered and became a real force for amateur radio in the Pacific Northwest.

Nick Winter – K7MO performed the Master of Ceremonies duties with skill and verve.

Doug Oakman, AD7AV set the tone and stage for our remembrances in his masterful invocation.

"Gracious Creator,

You who have given us the invisible ether and the ionosphere, the sun and the Northern Lights.

We call you by many names, we honor you in different ways.

Please accept our gratitude. Be present at this gathering, as we celebrate a very special community—which over 90 years has helped us young and old to learn and live.

We are here—living hams and silent keys in spirit. We rejoice in the homebrew projects, the operating events, the thrill of the contest, the fun of ragchewing. Please help us to increase our Code speed!

We are called to aid each other and our world. We are called in times of emergency, in times of war. We are called to assist our neighbor and to build international understanding in troubled times.

We are mindful today as well of those who are not with us, old friends who have moved, family members who are far away, silent keys who pound the brass in a better place.

Ham Radio is a small sign that we are not finally separated—from each other or from you. Thank you for this lovely gift. Through it, we copy, yes, we copy your gracious purposes for us and for our beautiful world.

Amen."

— Rev. Dr. Douglas E. Oakman, AD7AV

Our Honored guests for the evening included the ARRL Northwest Division Director Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF and his XYL Shirley, ARRL WWA Section Manager Ed Bruette N7NVP, and the ARRL WWA Section Emergency Coordinator, Ken Dahl, K7TAG … and his XYL Chris.

A word of appreciation is in order for the intrepid team who devoted nearly six months of their spare time and efforts to make the Homecoming a reality. The team consisted of Peter Baker AD7EU, Lee Barker KE7FCX, Al Burleson N7HW, Al Ferguson N7OMS, Paul LeBlanc K7AXJ, Rick Rose KE7EMW, Larry Watson KD4VOM, and Nick Winter K7MO. The team wrestled with a concept for the reunion, then struggled with finding a suitable location, and arranging the banquet. It was early on decided that current club members would get first shot at the limited number of seats, and then with the extensive effort of Rick Rose KE7EMW searched, constructed and verified some nearly 1,200 former members of the club and extended invitations to them. Our Club mail master John Clarke AC7WW proved once again his ability to get the mail out for us. Al Burleson provided yeoman support throughout and generated the memory table copy of Margie Chavis' masterful 50th Anniversary Scrapbook, as well as hauling all of the plaques and other memorabilia from the clubhouse for our display.

The entire team participated in the creation of the documentary storyline, and the development of our interview

process. The team plans to eventually tell the entire 90 year plus story of the Radio Club of Tacoma through a video documentary process. This year's chapter was appropriately focused on the first twenty years.

A special recognition is in order for the professional equipment and talent provided by Lee Barker, KE7FCX. Lee, who operates a professional sound and video production company, was crucial to the homecoming documentary production. Lee was instrumental in leading the group to the "RCT, A Documentary" concept, and devoted hours and days in its creation. With Lee's expert help we have already conducted several interviews of some of our senior members, much of which will contribute to the future chapters as we move along the RCT's historical timeline.

Janice Watson should be recognized for her work in providing the arrangements and decorations for the Homecoming, including the table prizes. 88's from the Team. Al Ferguson N7OMS and Sue Summers were instrumental in translating newspaper articles from the 50th Anniversary Scrapbook left us by Margie Chavis into computer text which was used on the memorabilia table.

Nick, K7MO worked tirelessly to help us identify and locate our living more senior members for interviewing, as well as helping us to understand much of the history of the club. Nick, of course, also made sure that we had the audio and video equipment needed to present the Homecoming program.

All of the XYL's of the Team should also be acknowledged for their contributions. We know for certain that the tremendous demands on their husband's time must have created some very stressful moments. We tip our hat to you, without whose help this night would not have been such a success...

Larry KD4VOM

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Brotherhood

Board Meeting Minutes, November, 1st 2006

The November 1st 2006 board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma club house. President Mick Pier-KK7QS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President:	Mick Pier -- KK7QS,
Vice President:	Jill Palmer – K7JIL,
Secretary:	Larry Watson -- KD4VOM,
Treasurer:	Pat Wingerter-- KD7TRC,
Board Member:	Frank Palmer -- AC7JY,
Board Member WV7O	Roddney Saucedo --
Board Member	Peter Baker – AD7EU

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes from the 4 October 2006 board meeting were approved as read/corrected.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Multiple W7DK/90 QSL cards; over a hundred club election ballots, a couple of other club newsletters and a USPS business mail survey.

Seeking Tower Sections: Mick Pier – KK7QS reported an e-mail from someone seeking 25 foot or 45 foot Rhone tower segments. We will check on the 25 foot Rhone gear we have to see if it should be offered for sale. Steve Blacksten – KD7UBE mentioned that Roy Meyer WA7UZL may be interested in selling his Rhone tower and beam as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Wingerter – KD7TRC

The Treasurer's report was presented and reviewed. Pat also noted that the US Bank CD for the club Scholarship Fund is coming due. She plans to cash it out and put the money in the general fund for the next Board to decide on how to manage the Scholarship Fund. There is also an additional $ 60.00 to add from the Jerry Seligman memorial contributions.

A copy of the Monthly financial statement is attached to the original copy of the minutes..

ILLNESS AND SILENT KEY: Jill Palmer – K7JIL wanted to be sure she had the latest Silent Key information. We had mentioned John M AhlstromWA7NOQ; Donald E Rojewski WB7VHA, and Rudy Valor -- N7CJM at the last meeting…. Jill also had a name we had not announced at the last general membership meeting; Jack D. Riggs N7AM, of Bremerton who was not a RCT member but known my many

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose – KE7EMW reported that current membership stands at 288. We have picked up a few renewals from the large homecoming mailing recently.

There was also a discussion of establishing a membership drive to increase our membership, especially former members who have drifted away. Personal contact soliciting renewals and promoting club activity would be key in the process. Conducting this program in concert with the normal annual membership process may prove valuable to the club. The discussion included a review of By Laws membership language which seems to penalize former members who renew late in the year by only allowing their renewals to run till the end of that year.

Hamfest 2007: Steve Blacksten – KD7UBE reported that he had contacted the Bethel Junior High School Principal and has asked for information about using the school again as we did last year for next year's Hamfest. He has asked for August 10, 11 2007 as dates for the event. The Principal is to get back to him on availability and costs. The club believes that our ARRL sponsored liability insurance covers the School's hold harmless and other liability disclaimers.

Linda Adams KE7FKX advised the board that she was having misgivings about her serving as Hamfest Manager. Job and personal commitments, together with limited experience in this area have caused her to reconsider her ability to serve. She will still support and participate in the Hamfest operation, but reluctantly must ask to be relieved. The Board acknowledged Linda's request and will announce the search for a new Hamfest manager at the next general membership meeting.

Elections: Rick Rose – KE7EMW reported that 280 election ballots were mailed to qualified voters by the deadline. His review of the By laws indicated that we missed mailing to those Associate Members which are eligible to cast ballots. He has identified three additional Associate Members eligible to vote and mailed ballots to them.

Planning Committee: Larry Watson – KD4VOM advised the Board that because virtually all of the club program and committees (with the exception of the Membership Committee which is mandated to the Vice President by the By Laws) will expire with the election of a new President. The Planning Team is researching all of the documented and traditional programs and activities to develop a presentation in January to the new Board and Officers for their review and action. It will include a listing

of all of the programs, committees and activities along with the incumbent managers (and those vacant) along with a list of potential candidates for appointment to fill those positions.

Homecoming Report: Larry Watson – KD4VOM reported that we had 88 actual attendees at the Homecoming, and that the Elks failure to provide enough and well prepared food had been noted and reported to the Elks. They did provide us with a discount on the meals as a partial compensation for their misjudgment. Financial reconciliation is planned for tomorrow nights Planning Meeting, but it appears that we probably lost around $150 in the Homecoming Banquet Proper. We also incurred a significant cost in the large former membership mailing which was deemed necessary to insure our mailing database was as current and accurate as we could make it. The final report should be made available at the December Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Back Porch Light: Frank Palmer – AC7JY reminded us that the back porch light is out. Larry Watson – KD7VOM will pick up a replacement movement sensor set of floods from Costco for a replacement installation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Awards Banquet: Larry Watson – KD4VOM reminded folks that the annual Awards Banquet is only a month or so away and we need to get started. Site location and reservation is needed, as well as planning for the recognition program. We also need to let people know when and where in order to plan for the event. According to Rich Manson N7ANF indicated that he is planning to do the Banquet again this year, even though last year he indicated he was passing the Awards Banquet torch to Rick Rose – KE7EMW…

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Holiday Meeting Schedule: Mick Pier – KK7QS had reviewed the November and December scheduled meetings for possible conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. This year there doesn't seem to be a major problem, and we decided to keep the normal meeting schedule.

Jerry Seligman's Gear: Larry Watson – KD4VOM reported an e-mail from Jerry Seligman's daughter advising that she had been busy inventorying and researching his equipment and was about a week away from putting it up for sale on e-bay. She wanted to know if there was anything in particular that club members might be interested in before the gear goes on to e-bay.

Discussion Topics:

Report of Alleged Communications violations and related wrong doing: Some members of the Board have received telephone calls and e-mails alleging communications violations and other wrong-doing. The Board agreed that since these were unsubstantiated allegations, the sources should be directed to the Federal Communications Commission and/or the ARRL, depending on the alleged activity.

Life Memberships: Al Burleson – K7HW suggested that the club should review the Life Memberships to determine the cost/benefits to both the club and the members. He thinks it might be wise to end life memberships because the money received no longer draws enough interest to offset the annual membership fee alternative.

Endowments: Al Burleson – K7HW suggested that the club may want to promote a Club Endowment program to help fund our ongoing operations.

Bethel School Recycling Fundraising: Steve Blacksten -- K7UBE reported that the Bethel Junior High is conducting an electronics recycling program. They apparently collect i-pods, cell phones, and laptops and then sell them to recycling firm to raise cash. The Board asked Steve to get more detailed information to determine if this kind of program would work for the Club.

Standing Rules revisions: Larry Watson – KD4VOM reminded us that in January, the Parliamentarian is required to review previous minutes motions and decisions and to present recommended Standing Rules changes needed to document those actions.

Hot Press Donation: Rick Rose KE7EMW reported that he had asked the Hot Press folks to do some embroidery on our First Aid kit, and they did a nice job with the Safety emblem and our Club name. The Board recommended we send a letter to Dan at Hot Press thanking them for the work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

APPROVED: _____

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RICHARD (LARRY) WATSON KD4VOM MICK PIER KK7QS

Secretary Pr

Membership Meeting MINUTES
25 October, 2006

The October 25th 2006 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Mick Pier-KK7QS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

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Board Member	Peter Baker – AD7EU
Board Member	Nick Winter – K7MO

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. The attendance roster reflects 49 members and 5 guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by Mick Pier -- KK7QS

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self Introductions were completed.

Guests Chris Strickland, Jerry Bennett KD7OPE, Robert Studebaker, Glen Galati KA7BOJ and Yvonne Galati KD7VYK were welcomed to the meeting.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

Mick – KK7QS reported on an e-mail advising us of the passing of John M AhlstromWA7NOQ; John Ahlstrom,WA7NOQ, passed away suddenly in his sleep Wednesday, October 18, 2006. He had been having health issues for sometime. John frequently attended our meetings and had made reservations for our Homecoming Banquet. He will be missed by many on our club and the Maple Valley ARC.

Rick – KE7EMW reported the notification of the 19 May passing of former member Donald E Rojewski WB7VHA, The Passing of Rudy Valor -- N7CJM of Graham was also reported.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson –KD4VOM reported Homecoming reservation mail, W7DK/90 QSL cards, the telephone bill and trailer registration renewal, Club personal property tax assessment and several club newsletters in the mail along with the first round of Club election ballots.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Wingerter – KD7TRC

The Treasurer's report was made available for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

90th Anniversary W7DK/90 Operating Event: Peter – AD7EU reported that we had over 700 Anniversary contacts and the cards and SASE's are pouring in. He thanked everyone for helping to operate the station and make the event a success. Thanks too to Rich Patrick K7RW for getting the HF antennas working again in time for the event.

Peter – AD7EU was amazed at Harry Wong N7DOE's ability to find him on any frequency and mode. Harry was very effective in working all bands and all modes with W7DK/90. It was also clear that when sideband was full of QRM, CW came through good and readable.

Rich -- KR7W reported a rather unusual operating configuration. When he and Morel –W7LIX fired up the "Old Oak Rig" they discovered that the receiver wasn't working well, and when he ran over to the main station console to check, there were lots of folks trying to respond to "Old Chirpy's" CQs. We suspect he established an new operating configuration by sending CQs from the Oak Rig and then running across to the main operating room and receiving the responses. Harry Adams – reports what may be the shortest "DX" contact with the Oak Rig when he made a contact from the Club radio room to the Club Museum, a grand total of about 25 feet… Rich – KR7W reported that they managed to make three contacts, including Missouri and Colorado, before Morel W6LIX burned up the crystal.

Mick Pier – KK7QS reported an e-mail from Jake Groenhof – N0LX reporting a W7DK/90 event contact from a Kayak running QRP from a lake near Denver Colorado. For more interesting outdoor hamming and photos check out Jake's Home Page at : http://www.n0lx.com/

PROGRAM: Nick Winter – K7MO

Tonight's program consisted of two elements. First a second showing of the RCT Documentary first part, "The Early Years" which was first shown at last Saturday's 90th Anniversary Homecoming Banquet. This project is an

ongoing effort which is planned to span the full 90 years of Radio Club of Tacoma history. The Second portion of the program was the always popular "Eyeball QSO". In fact we had to herd some out around 9:30 to let the custodians have access to our rooms.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None appearing

NEW BUSINESS:

None appearing

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Doc Spike Inspirational Award: Frank Palmer – AC7JY again solicited inputs for this years Doc Spike Inspirational Award. Recommendations are welcome even if you know someone else has nominated the person. You can contact Frank by phone, e-mail, or directly.

90th Anniversary Homecoming: Mick Pier -- KK7QS reported that the Homecoming Banquet was great and those who missed it missed a memorable event.

15 Meter 5 Element Yagi Antenna: Pat – KD7TRC reported the offer of a Yagi antenna to anyone interested.

49th Scout Jamboree: Steve Blacksten – KD7UBE reported on the successful Scouting Jamboree. Around 40 to 50 scouts visited and participated in our Ham radio setup. Thanks to Al – AC7BU for helping to set up the antennas and to Harry – W7HSA for sharing Jamboree operations. Attempts were made to make contact with W7DK/90 but none were successful although several long distance contacts were made much to the delight of the scouts.

Bunny Hunt: Rich Patrick announced an upcoming 2 meter transmitter hunt beginning at 11:00 am this Saturday. This will be a walking ARDF activity beginning at the Wright Park Conservatory. Rich has a couple of spare antennas and attenuators if you don't have one and want to participate.

15 Meter 5 element Yagi available: Pat Wingerter – KD7TRC reports that Dave Mietzke, W7BVO, phone # 253-847-7312, cell # 253-820-8624, has a 15M, 5 element Yagi. FREE to a good home.

Hints and Kinks:

Hal Stahlhut -- W7EC – At the recommendation of Worth W7WG, reported on the use of chicken wire as an improved ground plane for screwdriver antennas. The design was a couple of rolls of 1 inch web chicken wire, one four foot wide roll and a two foot wide roll, laid on the ground in an cross pattern, with one section running 2 feet by 40 feet in length and the other 4 feet wide by 25 feet in length. Hal says the design and research work was taken from a 1977 Ham Radio article. Hal points out that the design has an R72 ohm and J-73 Z resistance and impedance.

Steve Blacksten – KD7UBE reminded folks that he and Al Churchill AC7BU still have screwdriver antennas and mounting accessories available for prompt delivery.

Tuning and Traffic:

Harry Adams – W7HSA reported a contact with a Ham near London, UK, and Linda KE7FKX reported working a split PSK

Door Prizes: The 2006/7 Repeater Directory was won by Chuck Rupert -- KA7GAP and the member donated 3 cans of packed tuna went to Steve Blacksten – KD7UBE Winner

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm (followed by continued "Eyeball QSOs")

APPROVED: _____

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RICHARD (LARRY) WATSON KD4VOM MICK PIER KK7QS

Secretary President

Membership Meeting MINUTES
November 8th, 2006

The November 8th 2006 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Mick Pier-KK7QS called the meeting to order at 9:50 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President:	Mick Pier -- KK7QS
Vice President:	Jill Palmer – K7JIL
Secretary:	Larry Watson --KD4VOM
Treasurer:	Pat Wingerter --KD7TRC
Board Member:	Frank Palmer--AC7JY
Board Member	Roddney Saucedo -- WV7O
Board Member	Peter Baker – AD7EU

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by President Mick Pier KK7QS

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self Introductions were completed

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

There were no reports of illness or Silent Keys

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson –KD4VOM

Correspondence: Consisted of election ballots, W7DK/90 QSL Cards, Clubhouse Utility and phone bills and Bank Statements.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Wingerter – KD7TRC

The Treasurer's report was made available for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hamfest: Linda Adams KE7FKX reports that she is still seeking assistance with the 2007 Hamfest. Steve Blacksten KD7UBE reported that the Bethel Junior High had responded favorably to our request to use the same rooms next year, reserving 11 and 12 August 2007. We do not yet have the facility cost factors. The Bethel Jr. High response will be reviewed at the next Board meeting. Linda KE7FKX pointed out that we should continue research into alternative locations for future Hamfests.

Election:: During the meeting, the Election Committee received and counted this year's election ballots. The committee consisted of Rick Rose KE7EMW Chairman, Steve Blacksten KD7UBE, Harry Adams W7HSA and Al Churchill AC7BU, members. At the end of the counting process the following were declared Elected for two year terms in the offices and positions indicated:

President: Randy Thomson AD7FF

Treasurer: Paul LeBlanc K7AXJ

Board: Alan Lenz W7AML

Board: Bob Purdom KE7DGQ

PROGRAM: Nick Winter K7MO was not able to attend this evening. Frank Palmer AC7JY arranged for an informative program on Alterative Power sources. Ralph Javins, N7KGA Ralph Javins – Provided a timely presentation on Alternative Energy/Power Sources for Amateur Radio Operations. Ralph highlighted portable solar panels and a wind generator that will fit in his suite case. Ralph has been a licensed Amateur Radio operator since 1955, first getting his license in Hawaii. He previously built satellites for the US Navy Research Lab. Ralph will be sending along some handout flyers which will be posted at the Clubhouse.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Doc Spike Award: Mick Pier KK7QS reminded the membership that Frank Palmer AC7JY is still soliciting nominations for the Doc Spike Award.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recycling Fund Raising Program: Steve Blacksten KD7UBE reported on a recycling fund raising program that he recommends for the club. The program "Cartridgesforkids", collects and recycles ink cartridges, PDAs, Ipods, laptops and cell phones. The program pays schools and non-profits for collecting and recycling these items. Steve brought a collection box and announced that if the Club wanted to participate he would help with the arrangements, if not; Steve will still collect the items and turn them over to the Bethel Junior High program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HRO Trip: Diane W7SIM is traveling to Portland and will visit the HRO shop. If anyone needs something, let her know.

Door Prizes:

Repeater Directory: Rick Rose KE7EMW

Wire Cutter: Harry Adams W7HSA

Kenwood HT Speaker Mike: ??

Membership meeting MINUTES
November 22nd, 2006

The November 22nd Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Mick Pier-KK7QS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President:	Mick Pier -- KK7QS
Secretary:	Larry Watson --KD4VOM
Treasurer:	Pat Wingerter --KD7TRC
Board Member	Roddney Saucedo -- WV7O

A sign in sheet with the names of 36 members and guests is attached to the original minutes..

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by Mick Pier KK7QS

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self Introductions were completed

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

Worth, W7WG reported on the passing of Frank Price, KD7AC on November 15th from a heart attack. Frank, who had been a member of the Club, Frank taught in Tacoma Schools and ended his career as an Associate Director of the Sate Board of Community Colleges in Olympia.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson –KD4VOM

Correspondence: Routine bank account statements, utility bills and a Mutual Funds package for proxy voting, along with several W7DK/90 QSO cards were received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Wingerter – KD7TRC

The Treasurer's report was made available for review…

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: No report

Field Day: Bob Purdom, KE7DGQ passed out Field Day questionnaires to get additional feedback on what went right or wrong with Field Day, and to solicit ideas and recommendations for possible alternative site selections.

Annual Awards Banquet: Larry KD4VOM reported that the Lakewood Community Center has been reserved for Friday, 15 December for our annual Awards Banquet. Additional details will follow soon.

PROGRAM: Rich Patrick, KR7W

Tonight's program was a QRP reprise of several expeditions and treks by the intrepid advocates of hiking with amateur radio in mind. Thanks to the skilled photographic talents of Pat KD7TRC we were able to vicariously enjoy the Dewey Lake on the Pacific Crest Trail trip, Operations at Clover Lake and Dege Peak in the Mt Rainer National Park, as well as a recap of the annual Freeze Your Buns Off (FYBO) operations. The Dewey Lake trip scenery was professional class.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cartridges for Kids Recycling: Steve Blacksten KD7UBE reminded us that the recycle bin was here tonight, and pending Club approval the contents would be turned in as a fundraising project.

Tower, Antenna and Rotor available: Steve Blacksten KD7UBE announced that Roy Myers WA7UZL has a Tower, Beam and Rotor for sale. Contact Steve if interested…

Discussion Topics:

Rich Patrick, KR7W reported that Wal-Mart has a good buy on led light replacements for those small Maglight flashlights.

Tuning and Traffic:

Chuck Kemmer, AC7QN reported what may have been a contact with W1AW on 17 meters, or not…

Worth, W7WG reported that the recent Sweepstakes exercise was great fun, including the food and playing pool, but apparently the contest team at SK W7BUN's location including Nick, K7MO and Harry, K7DOE did much better in the scoring department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

RCT's Planning Team November 2006

Greetings from the Radio Club of Tacoma Planning Team. This is the first of what we hope becomes a regular feature of the BARK. Its purpose is to bring visibility and understanding of the role of the Club's planning and programming effort.

A bit of history…

This is not the first time that the Radio Club of Tacoma has generated a planning effort. Our cursory reviews of the club's historical documents indicate multiple references and records of past planning efforts. What seems to be the cycle occurs every so often. It is characterized by a group getting together to address a set of club issues. Generally they begin by "brainstorming" and eventually evolve their list into a set of objectives. Next follows a series of meetings to address the issues list; some problems are solved and others prove intractable and eventually the team seems to, like old soldiers, "just fade away."

The current planning team originated in 2005, and has evolved over the past year or so into a relatively stable group. It's principal purpose is to assist the Club and its Officers in identifying and addressing organizational, procedural, legal, financial, regulatory and documentation (Articles of Incorporation; Bylaws; Standing Rules and Standard Operating Procedures) issues. To that end it acts as a research and advisory team for the Club and its elected Officers.

Like all Club functions, committees, projects and programs, its meetings are open to all. Any active club member is welcome to attend and offer insight and input to the team as they tackle some of the Club's enduring issues.

We normally meet at the clubhouse the Thursday's following the Clubs regular membership meetings (2nd and 4th Wednesdays). We normally begin around 6:30 pm.

Please check with one of our cadre if you plan to attend just in case we have adjusted our meeting date or time for some reason.

Over the past year we have worked on multiple problems and projects. We constructed a large and comprehensive "Officers Handbook" and an associated Officers Orientation program to assist elected officials in understanding their duties and responsibilities. This helps them gain an understanding of the myriad of federal, state and local regulations governing the operation of an IRS designated, Washington State Non Profit corporation.

Among other activities the Planning Team, as augmented, was the driving force behind the 90th Anniversary Homecoming Banquet.

It assembled a Financial Review and Analysis team which is nearing the end of a long effort to determine how the various activities of the Club manage financial transactions and record keeping.

Some of the many topics the team is working on include:

- Club Officers Orientation and Transition process
- Club Organization and Functions – What are the jobs and who is doing them?
- Club Organization and Functions – Where are the vacancies and voids and how do we fill them?
- Club Equipment Management – What do we own and where is it?
- Club Equipment Management – Developing an effective procedure for tracking our equipment
- A New Member Orientation Handbook
- Developing Standard Operating Procedures for our activities.
- Conducting an exhaustive review of the Clubs documentation, archives and history, and then organizing, indexing and storing it.
- Completing the Radio Club of Tacoma Video Documentary for the full 90 years of our existence

It is equally important to note that the Planning Team is not a decision making body. Those responsibilities rest squarely with your elected officers. Our job is to do the leg work, research, develop information and make recommendations to the Board and Officers for their consideration and action.

The current team:

Larry Watson KD4VOM. Chairman

Al Burleson K7HW Rick Rose KE7EMW

Nick Winter K7MO Paul LeBlanc K7AXJ

For the Homecoming Banquet project the team was ably augmented by:

Peter Baker AD7EU Lee Barker KE7FCX

Al Ferguson N7OMS

Comments and recommendations are welcome

Larry Watson KD4VOM
Planning Team
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RCT Supports the 49th Jamboree-on-the-Air

Rainer, Washington, October 21-22 2006

October 21st 2006 was a special day for the Radio Club of Tacoma which celebrated 90 continuous years of a active Radio Club, i.e., 1916-2006 – Special Event call W7DK/90. And down in the little town of Rainer (about 33 miles south of Tacoma) where the Pacific Peaks Council of Scouts hosted the Sleeping Giant Civil War Camporee and JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) 49th Anniversary.

Amateur Radio operations were hosted by Radio Club of Tacoma members; Harry – W7HSA, Bob – KE7DGQ, and Steve KD7UBE with antenna help from Hal – W7EC. Steve set up a 100 watt746 Pro with a group 27 marine battery and an inverted "V" trapped dipole antenna on 80, 40 and 20 meters. We hosted over 100 scouts with about 40 or 50 went on the air. We used KD7UBE call as the Club station was on the air at the same time at the Clubhouse using W7DK. The Scouts received a card noting their on the air experience. Most of our QSOs were in Texas and Florida.

Build It Day at DK
By Rich KR7W

I was requested to host a "build it" party for interested club members who wanted to build **A**mateur **R**adio **D**irection **F**inding equipment for use in hidden transmitter hunts, aka Bunny Hunts. Since the club's summer picnic, known as 'DK at the Beach' was going to be held at the vast Spanaway Park… then some kind of hidden transmitter hunt could happen.

I was asked to assist people with building the "Tape Measure Yagi" and a signal attenuator that guest speaker, Art Jury, KF7GD, showed us at a past radio club meeting on ARDFing. The Tape Measure Yagi RDF antenna is compact and easy to use in the field (bushes). The attenuator is used for reducing the signal strength of the hidden transmitter- so that the hunter's receiver (usually a Handy-Talkie) does not become overloaded and so that the receiver's S-meter is not pegged to the maximum when close to the bunny.

8 club members signed up to build the needed equipment for ARDF'ing. Plans were published on the DK website for "builders" to become familiar with. A list of needed parts from Home Depot and Radio Shack was listed and each builder could have a chance to go shopping at two great sources of ham radio home-building parts. Also, I ordered those hard to get NON-RS NON-Home Depot parts in mass from Jameco.com.

Weeks before the start of the class… I built prototypes to make sure that the designs worked and to show the builders. After working on the attenuator, trying to figure out how the battery fits into the little box… I recruited retired mechanical engineer Chuck, AC7QN, to show the builders how to craftily fit the parts together.

On Sunday, May 8, at high noon… Chuck and I started the five hour session to build the RDF attenuator. This attenuator creates an "offset" frequency output and works like a direction conversion receiver. It has a local oscillator (a 4 MHz oscillator module) and a simple diode mixer. The Bunny's (hidden transmitter) signal enters the unit and is mixed with the 4 MHz oscillator signal. The resultant output to the Handy Talkie receiver is either 4 MHz higher or lower than the bunny's transmit frequency as well as the bunny's original frequency. The actual attenuation of the offset frequency is controlled by varying the amount of 4 MHz signal to the mixing diode. The lesser the 4 MHz signal is… then the lower the signal the HT receives on the offset frequency.

During the build-it session Art Jury, KF7GD, stopped by to visit us and provided encouragement to the builders. Art also brought his ARDFing equipment to show us. He has some very interesting equipment, mostly home made. Art is hoping that our radio club will get involved in ARDFing and come to Seattle for hidden transmitter hunts that his group hosts and that our club will host hunts for the South Sound area. Art has agreed to attend the DK Picnic at Spanaway Park on

June 4th and bring his equipment. He will be hiding his transmitters and sharing his hunting equipment and skills with us.

About half of the builders finished their attenuator in the five hour time limit. One was tested and it worked.

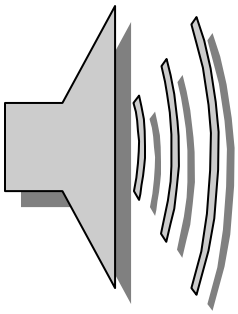
On Monday, May 9, we started at 6:30 PM to build the Tape Measure Yagi antenna. This antenna uses 1 inch wide steel tape measure material as foldable elements to make a completely collapsible directional antenna. The antenna's boom is made from ½ inch PVC pipe and fittings. It was kind of funny to see tape measures ruined for this project. A couple of people extended their brand new 25 foot tape measures to the 25 ft mark and then cut it with tin snips. It's hard to describe how the spring in the tape holder rewinds itself when the tape is cut off. Everyone carefully measured their elements and assembled them to the PVC Tees and crosses. I provided a piece of RG-8 coax with a BNC connector crimped to it. This became the balun and feed-line to connect to the attenuator's input.

By 8:30 PM folks were finishing up. Chuck and I tested everyone's antenna with an antenna analyzer. All tested with SWR of 1.5 or less except Roddney, WV7O. His antenna had a SWR of 33. Further testing showed that I made his coax feed-line with a shorted BNC connector. After resolving this… all antennas tested good. The last antenna I tested was Diane Sim, W7SIM. When I gave her the result of "less than 1.5" she was elated. It was a Kodak moment for sure.

On June 4, at the DK at the Beach (in Spanaway Park) I hid my bunny and Art hid three of his transmitters near the picnic shelter. A few folks from the build-it class brought their newly crafted equipment. I loaned my TM Yagi and attenuator to a couple of folks who had never participated ARDFing before. Most everyone found the transmitters… even the bunny I hid about ¼ mile away in the bushes by the swimming hole.

Many thanks to Art Jury, KF7GD, who came to visit us twice to give us encouragement and show us his equipment. Also, thanks to all who came to the class and showed an interest in building your own ham radio equipment.

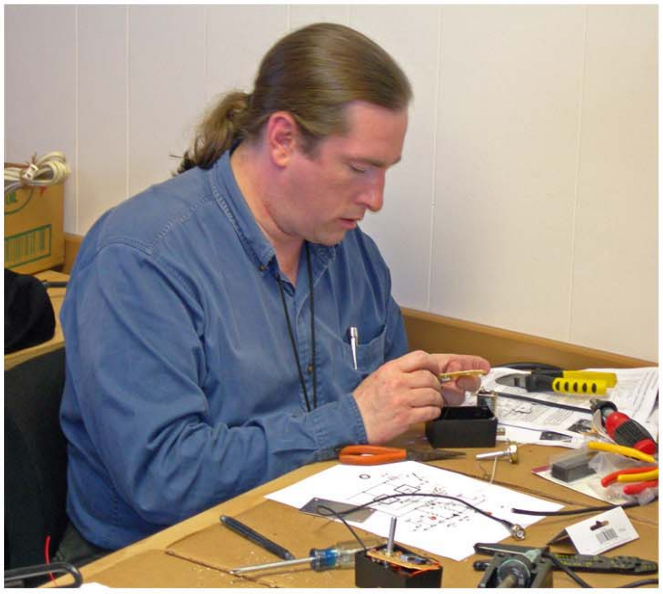
Joe, ya shudda been there… it was great. -30-



Check in to the Tuesday evening Net at 7:30p.m. on 147.28 (the W7DK repeater) for the latest news and announcements from the club!

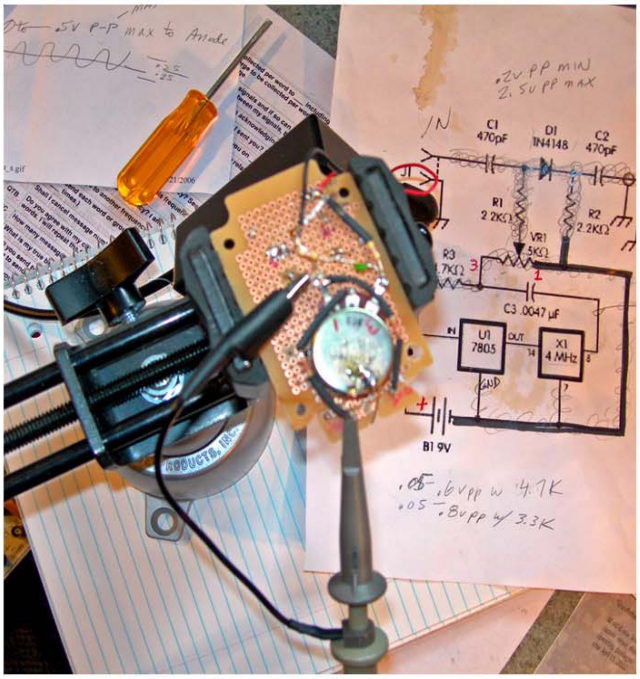
10 meter Net Sunday evening 8 p.m. On 28.375

RDF Build It Day at W7DK



Above: Diane, W7SIM... and Peter, AD7EU concentrate on their RDF Attenuator Project.

Below: Both photos show experimentation of the RDF attenuator project at KR7W's workshop. The O'Scope shows a near sinewave output of the crystal oscillator module.



RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA STANDING RULES

2 August 2006

PURPOSE

The purpose of these standing rules shall be to provide a record of those items of business which are intended to possess a certain sense of permanence but which are inappropriate for inclusion in the Bylaws.

REVISIONS

Revisions to these standing rules shall require a majority vote as defined in the Bylaws. Each year at the February meeting of the Board of Directors, the Parliamentarian shall present to the Board of Directors a list of those approved items of business (motions) from the preceding year which are appropriate for inclusion herein or which require revision of existing standing rules. The board shall elect to accept or reject each of these proposed revisions at that time.

STANDING RULES

1. EDUCATION COORDINATOR:

The duties of the Education Coordinator shall be to solicit qualified instructors and to recommend methods of publicizing available educational programs to the public. The Coordinator will keep the Board apprised of their progress at least once every six months. A committee may be appointed to assist the Coordinator.

2. OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

The Club will sponsor participation in the ARRL Field Day and other operating events in order to train its members in emergency preparedness and field communication techniques and operating skills.

3. PERSONAL TUTORING:

The Club will maintain a roster of members (commonly called "ELMERS") who are willing and able to help new amateurs with technical and radio operating questions.

4. FIELD COMMUNICATIONS:

The Club will provide emergency powered communications equipment for training Club members to operate under emergency conditions to assist governmental agencies in a local catastrophic earthquake, windstorm, flood, fire, or other emergency.

5. FIELD TRAINING:

The Club will sponsor field training exercises such as Field Day and hidden transmitter hunts to train members and other licensed amateurs to operate under field climatic conditions and without commercial power.

6. COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS:

Repeaters may include "autopatch" telephone links to Pierce County Emergency Services and the Washington State Patrol. The Club may install digital communications facilities in the high frequency and VHF/UHF bands using Packet and other protocols. It may also maintain repeaters, packet bulletin boards, and their facilities in locations away from the clubhouse when required for desired geographical coverage.

7. TRAINING EQUIPMENT LOANS:

The Club will maintain a pool of radio training equipment for loan to members.

8. RECOGNITION PROGRAMS:

A. DOC SPIKE INSPIRATIONAL AWARD

An award will be made annually, in the memory of the Club's founder, to the Club Member(s) who best inspires the Club members in furthering the Club's Educational and Scientific purpose.

B. CERTIFICATES

Award Certificates for various feats of outstanding performance may be awarded by the Board or the President from time to time.

C. FIRST CONTACT CERTIFICATE

The Club may provide First Contact Certificates to its members for their signature and subsequent award to new amateurs who make their first amateur radio contact with the Club member.

D. SILENT KEY MEMORIAL BOARD

To recognize the efforts of the past, a Silent Key Memorial Board will be maintained; listing all deceased and former club members. The individual listing will include the members name, call sign (if any) and year deceased. Names will not be removed from the Board unless placed there in error.

E. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PLAQUE

The Club will maintain a memorial board for recognition of donations to the Scholarship fund.

F. PUBLICITY

The Club will give recognition to members and to the public for outstanding performance in areas relating to the Club's purpose.

9. TVI/RFI COMMITTEE:

The Club shall maintain a TVI/RFI Committee. The Committee will investigate and attempt to solve Interference problems for RCT members, or for any case where help is requested from the FCC.

10. MEMBERSHIP PRO-RATA DUES

For the purpose of setting the dues payable by new members who join at any other time than the first half of the year (Defined as January 01 to June 30.) A new member joining the club in the second half of the year (defined as July 1st to October 31st) will be responsible for payment of ½ the annual dues.

New members joining from November 1st to December 31st will pay full dues which will provide them with a membership through December 31st of the following year.

Members making application for renewal and reinstatement shall pay the full annual dues for that year (defined as January 1st through December 31st) regardless of the date of application.

11. NEW MEMBER PROMOTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The Radio Club of Tacoma will offer a free full membership in the club for the remainder of the calendar year to anyone who attends the Radio Club of Tacoma Technician Class, tests, and passes their FCC Technician exam elements at the RCT. The Promotional membership ends at the end of the calendar year in which granted.

APPROVED: 2 August 2006

RICHARD (LARRY) WATSON KD4VOM — Secretary

MICK PIER KK7QS — President

December

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
3	Duane Roundy	**KE7GNY**	2288
3	Hal Stahlhut	**W7EC**	673
4	Joseph Douglas	**KC7FF**	2064
6	Frank Palmer	**AC7JY**	1992
14	William Drum	**KJ7KT**	1213
15	Jack Moore	**WA7ENB**	729
16	James Swanson	**KD7TJE**	2155
16	Ken Scott	**KB7UXT**	1603
16	Rob Stewart	**WB7QCS**	1181
18	Douglas Smith	**W7ZZ**	768
20	Sandy Newhouse	**KD7HYT**	2060
21	Randy Myers	**WB4SPB**	2050
28	Bill Rohrer	**W7IJ**	381
28	Chuck Souter	**KA7HJN**	1924
30	Wil Crockett	**KE7EMU**	2268